## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE his brief or argument is to assist the STATE OF NEVADA

In the matter of Alfred Chartz, Esq., for Contempt DECISION

show cause whw he should not be false charges or vilification. adjudged guilty of contempt for hav- He may rully present, discuss and

not know what they wrote about."

ious; disavowed any intention to com- a\_! . ...ect. gized for its use and asked that the and intentional misconduct same be stricken from the petition.

cognizance of, attributing its ase to technic imigination of cunsel."

Also, the case and its condition at States in the cases of State v. Holden, 14 Utah 71 and 86, 46 P. 757 and 1105, A. 103 and 108; Holden v Hardy 169 U. S. 366, 18 Sup. Ct. 383; Short v. Mining Company, 20 Utah, 20. 57 P. 720, 45 L. R. A., 603, and by the Supreme Court of the State of Missouri re Cantwell, 179 Mo. 245, 78 S. W. 569. It may not be out of place here, also to note that the latter case has since been affirmed by the S. preme Court of the United States, and more recently the latter tribunal; adhering to its opinion therein and in the Utah cases, has refused to interfere with the decisions of this Couin re Kair.

it would seem therefore, a natural and proper, if not a necessary deduction from the language in question. when taken in connection with the law of the cases as enunciated by this and other courts, that counsel, finding that the opinion of the highest court in the land was adverse instead of favorable to his contentions, in that it specifically affirmed the Utah decision in Holden vs. Hardy, which sustained the statute from which ours is copied, and that all the courts named were adverse to the views he advocated, had resorted to abuse of the Justices of this and other courts, and to imputations of their motives.

The language quoted is tantamount to the charge that this tribunal and the Supreme Courts of Utah, Missouri and of the United States and the Justices thereof who participated in the oninions upholding statutes limiting the hours of labor in mines, smelters and other ore reduction works, were misguided by ignorance or base polimeal considerations.

Taking the most charitable view. if counsel became so imburn! and misguided by his own ideas and conclusions that he honestly and eroneously conceived that we were controlled by ignorance or sinister metives instead of by law and justice in determining constitutional or other questions, and that these other courts and judges the members of the legislature and Governor were guilty of the accusation he made occause they and we failed to follow the theories he advocated, and that his opinions ought to outweigh and turn the scale against the decisions of the four courts named including the highest in the land with nineteen justices concurring, nevertheless it was entirely inappro-

priate to make the statement in brief. If he really believed or knew of facts to sustain the charge he made he ought to have been aware that the purpose of such a document is to enlighten the court in regard to the controlling facts and the law, and convince by argument, and not to abuse and vilify, and that this court or determine charges impeaching its pointment, therefore, is great, and it Justices. On the other hand if he

court in ascertaining the truth per taining to the pertinent facts, the rea effect of decisions and the law applicable in the case, and he far oversteps the bounds of professional conduc-Respondent was commanded to when he reports to misrepresentation

ing, as an attorney of record in the argue the evidence and the law and matter of the application of Peter Kair freely indicate wherein he beneves for a Writ of Habeas Corpus filed in that decisions and rulings are wrong or this court a petition for rehearing in erroneous, but this he may do withwhich he made use of the following out effectually making bald accusations against the motives and intelli-"In my opinion, the decisions faver- gence of the court, or being discouring the power of the State to limit the teous or resorting to abuse which is hours of labor, on the ground of the not argument nor convincing to reapolice power of the State, are all soning minds. If respondent has no arong, and written by men who have respect for the justices, he ought to never performed manual labor, or by have enough regard for his position politicians and for politics. They do at the bar to refrain from attacting the tribunal of which he is a mem-Respondent appeared in response to ber, and which the people, through the citation, filed a brief and made an the Constitution and by general conextended address to the Court in sent have made the final interpreter which he took the position that the of the laws which ne, as an officer words in question were not contempt of the court, has sworn to uphold

mit a contempt of court; and, further These duties are so plain that any that if the langauge was by the court departure from them by a member deemed to be objectionable, he apoli- of the har would seem to be willful

The power of courts to punish for In considering the foregoins state- contempt and to maintain dignity in ment it is proper to note that in the their proceedings is inherent and is briefs filed by Respondent upon the as old as courts are old. It is also hearing of the case in the first 'n provided by statute. By analogy we stance, he used language of similar note the adjudications and penalties import which this court did not taxe imposed in a few of the many cases. ard Cottingham imprisoned Ed-

over zealousness upon the part of mund Lechmere Charlton a barrister counsel, but waich was of such a an and member of the House of Comture that the Attorney General in his mons for sending a scandalous letter reply brief referred to a as insinuate to one of the masters of the court. ing that the Legislature in enacting and a committee from that body, after and this court in sustaining the law an investigation, reported that in their were being "impelled or controlled by opinion his "claim to be discharged some mythical political influence it from imprisonment by reason of privifear, which exists only in the pyro- legde of parliament ought not to be admitted." 2 Milne and Craig, 317.

When the case of People vs. Tweed the time the objectionable language in New York came up a second time was used, should be taken into consid- before the same judge, before the trial eration. The proceeding, in which commenced the prison r's counsel brithis petition was filed, had beer vately handed to the judge a letter. brought to test the institutional; couched in respectful language, in of a section of an Act of the Legisla. Which they stated, substantially, that ture limiting labor to eight nours per their client feared, from the circum-Cay in smelters and other ore reduc- stances of the former trial, that the lon works, except in cases of emer- judge had conceived a prejudice gency where life or property is in against him, and that his mind was imminant danger. Stat. 1903, p. 32. not in the unbiased condition neces-This Act had passed the Legislature sary to afford an impartial trial, and almost unanimously and had receiv. respectfully requested him to consided the Governor's approval. At the er whether he should not relinquish time of filing the petition, responding the duty of presiding at the trial to was aware that the court had pre. some other judge, at the same time viously sustained the validity of this declaring that no personal disrespect enactment as limiting the hours of was intended toward the judge of the labor in underground mines, Re court. The judge retained the letter Boyce, 27 Nev. 327, 75 P. L. 65 L. R. and went on with the trial. At the A, 47, and in mills for the reduction end of the trial -e sentenced three of ores, Re Kair 28 Nev. 80 P. 461, of the writers to a fine of \$250 each, and that similar statutes had been up. and publically reprimanded the othheld by the Supreme Court of Utan ers, the junior counsel, at the time exand the Supreme Court of the United pressing the opinion that if such a thing had been uone by them in England, they would have been "expelled from the bar within one hour." counsel at the time protested that intended no contempt thev intended to express

court and that they felt and no disrespect for the judge but that their action had been taken in furtherance of what they deemed ... v...al interests of their client and the faithful and conscientious discharge of the r duty The judge accepted the disclaimer of personal disrespect, but refused to believe the disclaimer of intention to commit a contempt and enforced the fines. 11 Albany Law Journal 408, 26 Am. R. 752.

For sending to a district judge out of court a letter stating that "The ruling you have made is directly contrary to every principal of law, and every body anows a. I believe, and it is our desire that no such decision shall stand unreversed in any court. we practice in," an attorney was fineu \$50 and suspended from practice until the amount should be naid. In delivering the opinion of the Supreme Court of Kansas in Re Prior, 18 Kan. 26 Am., 747, Brewer J., said:

"Upon this we remark, in me first place that the language of this letter is very insulting. To say to a judge that a certain ruing which he has made is contrary to every principle or law and that everybody nows it is certainly a most severe imputation.

We remark, secondly, that an attorney is under special obligations to be considerate and respectful in his conduct and communications to a judge He is an officer of the court, and it is therefore his duty to uphold its honor and dignity. The independence of the profession carries with it the right freely to challenge, criticise and condemn all matters and things under review and in evidence. But with this privilege goes the corresponding obligation of constant courtesy and respect toward the triounal in which the proceedings are pending. And the fact that the tribunal is an inferior one, and its rulings not final and without appeal, does not diminish in the slightest degree this obligation of courtesy and respect. A justice of the peace before whom the most trifling matter is being litigated is entitled to receive from every attorney in the case corteous and respectfu! treatment. A failure to extend this courtesy and respectful treatment is a failure of duty; and it may be se gross a dereliction as to warrant the exercise of the power to punish for

contempt. It is so that in every case where a judge decides for one party., he decides against another; and offimes both parties are before hand equally is not endowed with power to hear confident and sanguine. The disapis not in human nature that there did not believe the accusation and should be other than bitter feeling made it with a desire to mislead, in- which often reaches to the judge as timidate or swerve from duty the the cause of the supposed wrong. A Court in its decision, the statement judge, therefore, ought to be patient would be the more censurable. So and tolerate everything that appears that taking either view, whether re- but the momentary outbreak of disspondent believed or disbelieved the appointment. A second thought will neinous charge he made, such lan- generally make a party ashamed of guade is unwarranted and contemp- such an outbreak. So an attorney

it become the court's clear duty ministering them." 128 U. S. 313. o check the habit by the severe les-

The single insulting expression for rehearing the statement that "Your lence, it has been sanctioned and eslooking only at the single remark, a stituting a contempt on the part of the the case of Yates, 4 Johns, 317; Johnnatter which might well be unnotic- actorney; and hat where the laned; and yet if all the conduct of the guage spoken or written is of itself

he very nature of things the power opinion we quote: of a court to punish for contempt is a vast power, and one which, in the hands of a corrupt or unworthy judge may be used tyrannically and unjustly, yet protection to individuals lies in the publicity of all judicial proceed ngs, and the appeal which may be made to the legislature for proproceedings against any judge who proves himself unworthy of the power intrusted to him."

Where a contention arose between counsel as to whether a witness had not already answered a certain question, and the court after hearing the reporter's notes read, decided that she had answered it, whereupon one of the attorneys sprang to his feet. and, turning to the court, said, in a loud tone and insulting manner; She has not answered the question' held that the attorney was guilty of contempt regardless of the question waether the decision of e court was right or wrong." Russell v. Circuit Judge 67 Iowa, 102.

In Sears v. Starbird, 75 Cal. 91, 7 Am. St. 123, a brief reflecting upon the trial judge was stricken from the record in the Supreme Court, because it contained the following:

The court, out or a fullness of his love for a cause, the parties to it or their counsel, or from an overzealous desire to adjudicate all matters, points arguments and things,' could not, with any degree of propriety under the law. patch and doctor up the cause of the plain...ffs, whic..., perhaps, the caralessness of their counsel had left in such a condition as to entitle them to no relief whatever"

In reference to this language it was

said in the opinion: "..ere is a .....net intimation that the judge of ...e court below did not act from proper motives, but from a love of the parties or their counsel. We see nothing in the record which suggests that such was the case. On the contrary, ...e action complained of seems to us to have been entirely See Sil v. Reese, 47 Cal. 340 The brief, therefore contains a groundless charge against the purity of motive of the judge of the court below. This we regard as a grave breach of professional propriety. Every person on his admission to the bar takes an oath to 'faithfully discharge the duties of an attorney and councelor." Surely such a course as was taken in this case is not in compliance w .... that duty. In Friedlander v. Sumner from examining the next witness. G. & S. M. Co., 61 cal. 117. The court said:

"If unfortunately counsel in any as willfully to employ langauge manifestly disrespectful to the judge of the superior court-a thing not to be anticipated-we shall deem it our duty to treat such conduct as a contempt of this court, and to proceed accordingly; and the briefs of the case were ordered to be stricken from the files." In U. S. v. Late Corporation of Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Sairts, language used in the petition filed in effect accusing the court of an attempt to shield its receiver and his attorneys from an investigation of charges of gross misconduct in office and containing the statement that "We must decline to assume the functions of a grand jury, or attempt to perform the duty of the court in

cers. "was held to be contemptuous. 211 P. 519. In re Terry, 36 Fed. 419 an extreme case, for charging the court with having seen bribed, resisting removal from the court room by the marshau acting under an order from the bench and using aousive language, one of the defendants was sent to jail for thirty days and the other for six months. Judge erry, who had not made any accusation against the court sought release and to be purged of the contempt by a sworn petition in which he alleged that in the transaction he did not have the slightest idea of showing any disrespect to the court. It was held that this could not avail or relieve him and it was

investigating the conduct of its offi-

said: "The law imputes an intent to accomplish the natural result of one's acts, and, when those acts are of a against such implication the denial of the transgressor. No one would be safe if a denial or a wrongful or criminal intent would suffice to realese the violator from the punishment due in

In an application for a writ of habeas cornus growing out of that case. Justice Harlan, speaking for the Supreme court of the United States said:

his offenses.

"We have seen that it is a settled doctrine in the jurisprudence both of England and of this country, never suposed to be in conflict with the liberty of the citizens, that for direct contempt committed in the face of the court, at least one of superior jurisdiction, the offender may in its discretion, be instantly apprehended and immediately imprisoned, without trial or issue, and without other proof | cost of the proceedings to have it exthan its actual knowledge of what occurred; and that according to an unbroken chain of authoricies reaching back to the earliest times, such power altoongh arbitrary in its nature and liable to abuse, is absolutely essential to the protection of the the files. courts in the discharge of their functions. Without it judciial tribunals would be at the mercy of the disortious. The cut- of an attorney in sometimes, thinking it a mark of in- derly and violent, who respect neither

ependence, may become want to use the laws enacted for the vindication these tribunals of justice or the sup- SPECIAL EXCURSION FROM SAN ontemptuous, angry or insulting ex-of public and private rights, nor the port and preservation of their respec-ressions at every adverse ruling un-

In re Wooley 11 ky. 95, it was held the annals of juris, rudence entend; on of a punishment for contempt. It at to incorporate into a pention for and, except in a lew cases of party viohich the court pumsaes may there- Lonors have rendered an unjust de- tablished by the experience of ages. ore seem to those knowing nothing of cree," and other insulting matter, is Lord Mayor of London's case, 3 Wil the prior conduct of the attorney, and to commit in open court an act con- son, 188; opinion o. Kent. C. J., in attorney was known, the duty of in- necessarily offensive, the disavowal of 2d edition it is said: erference and punis ment might be an intention to commit a contempt may tend to excuse but cannot justify w.e.her written or spoken; and if in We remark finally, that while from the act. From a paragraph in that the presence of the court, notice is

the practice of his profession by the petition for rehearing is equivalent manner in which he conducts himself to the commission in open court of an in his intersourse with the courts. He act constituting a contempt. When charge and make all arrangements. may be honest and capable, and yet the language is capable of explanahe may so conduct himself as to contin- tion, and is explained, the proceedings \$80.00. ually interrupt the business of the must be discontinued; but where it courts in which he practices; or he is offensive and insulting per se, the may by a systematic and continuous disavowal of an intention to commit course of conduct, render it impossi- a contempt may tend to excuse, but ble for the courts to preserve their cannot justify the act. From an open, self-respect and the respect of the notorious and public insult to a court public and at the same time permit for which an attorney contumaciously him to act as an officer and attorney. refused in any way to atone, he was An attorney who thus studiously and fined for content, and his authority systematically attempts to bring the to practice revoked." tribunals of justice into public con- Other authorities in line with these tempt is an unfit person to hold the we have mentioned are cited in the position and exercise the privileges of note to re Cary, 10 Fed. 632, and in an officer of those tribunals. An open 9 Cyc. 1, 20, where it is said that or Columbia), to take effect immenotorious and public insult to the contempt may be committed by inhighest judicial tribunal of the State serting in pleadings, briefs, motions, ther notice; for which an attorney contumaciously arguments, petitions for rehearing or refuses in any way to atone, may just other papers filed in court insulting tify the refusal of that tribunal to or contemptuous language, reflecting will be sold for 60 cents, recognize him in the future as one of on the integrity of the court.

spondent was fined for ironically stat- contempt which no construction of fer. ing to a justice of the peace, "I think the words can excuse or purge. His this magistrate wiser than the Su- disclaimer of an in entional disrespreme court." Redfield, C. J., said: pect to the court may palliate but

and with the same formal respect, otherwise than as reflecting on the in. on the premises owned by Theodore here or there..'

any alternative left him but the sub- intimidate or improperly influence our at \$5 for the season or 50 cents for mission to what he no doubt regards decision. as a misapprehension of the law, both As we have seen, a prneys have on the part of the justice and of this been severely punished or using lan- OFFICE COUNTY AUDITOR condition very similar to many who rehensible, but in view of the disahave failed to convince others of the vowal in open court we have concludsoundness of their own views, or to ed not to impose a penalty so harsh became convinced themselves o ftheir as disbarment or suspension from

In Mahoney v. State, 72 N. E. 151. an attorney was fined \$50 for saying against the misconduct of attorneys right or not i can't be know whether prevented from main aming in the I am going to be heard in tais case in the interests of my client or no." and making other insolent statements. In Redman v. State 28 Ind., the judge informed counsel that a question was improper and the attorney replied: "If we cannot examine our witnesses he can stand aside." This language was deemed offensive and the court prohibited that particular attorney

In Brown v. Brown IV Ind. 727, the lawyer was taxed with the cost of the action for filing and reading a petition case shall ever so far forget himself for divorce which was unnecessarily gross and indelicate.

In McCormick v. Sheridan, 20 P. 24. 78. Cal., "A petition for rehearing stated that 'how or why the honorable commission should have so effectually and substantially ignored and disregarded the uncontradicted testimony. we do not know. It seems toat neither the transcript nor our briefs could have fallen under the commissioners observation. A more disingenious and misleading statement of the evidence could not well be made. It is substantialy untrue and unwarranted. The decision seems to us to be a traversity of the evidence." Held that counsel drafting the petition was guilty of contempt committee in the face of the court, notwithstanding a disavowal of disrespectful intention. A fine of \$200 was imposed with an alternative of serving in jail.

The Chief Justice speaking for the court in State v. Morrill, 16 Ark, 310

"If it was the general habit of the commuity to denounce, degrade, and disregard the decisions and judgments of the courts, no man of self-respect and just pride of reputa in would remain upon the pench, and such only would become the ministers of the law as were insensible to defamation and contempt. But happily for the wit: good order of society, men, an especially the people of this country, are generally disposed to respect and abide the decisions of the tribunals warned and that he pay the costs of ordained by government as the common arbiters of their rights. But where isolated individuals, in violation of the better instincts of human nature, and disregardful of law and criminal nature, it will not accept, order, wentanly attempt to obstruct the course of public justice by disre- Of The Continental Casualty Company garding and exciting disrespect for the decisions of its tribuna 3, every good citizen will point them out as Capital (paid up) .....\$ 300,000 50 Co, school fund Dist 1 ......338 65 proper subjects for legal animadver- Assets .....

A court must naturally look first to an enlightened and conservative bar. governed by a high sense of profes Premiums ...... 2,129,749 64 sional ethics and deeply sensible, as Other sources ...... they always are, of its necessity to Total income, 1905 . . . . 2,160,226 at aid in the maintenance of public respect for its opinions."

In Somers v. Torrey, 5 Paige Ch. 64 Dividends ..... 28 Am. D. 411, it was held that the at- Other expenditures ... torneyw ho put his hand to scandalous Total expenditures, 1905 2,123,536 45 and impertinent matter stood against the complainant and one not a party Risks written ..... punged from the record.

In State v. Graithe, 1 La. Am. 183. Premiums received ..... the court held that it could not con- Losses paid ...... sistently with its duty receive a brief Losses incurred ...... expressed in disrespectful language. and ordered the clerk to take it from

"This great power is entrusted sof February.

isted from the each. to riol to which

At page 206 of Weeks on Attorneys

"Language may be contemptuous, not essential before punishment, and "An attorney may unfit himself for scandalous and insulting matter in a

By using the objectionable language In re Cooper, 32 Vt. 262, the re-stated respondent became guilty of a The counsel must submit in a just cannot justify a charge which under tice court as well as in this court, any explanation caunot be construed person found hunting without a permit however difficult, it may be either teligence and motives of the court. Winters, will be prosecuted. A linand which could scarcely have been ited number of permits will be sold "We do not see that the relator has made for any other purpose unless to

And in that respect he is in a guage in many instances not so reppractice, or fine or imprisonment.

Nor do we forget that an prescribing "I want to see whether the court is litigants ought not to be punished or case all petitions, pleadings, and papers essential to the preservation and enforcement of their rights.

It is ordered that the offensive petition be stricken from the files, that this proceeding.

Taibot, J.

I concur Norcross, J.

In this matter my concurrence is special and to this extent:

The language used by the responand on which the contempt proceed ing was based, was, in my opinion, contemptuous of this court; and, of course, should not have been used. The respondent nowever, in response te the order of the court to show cause why he should not be punished therefor, appeared and disclaimed any intention to be disrespectful or Court deemed the language contemptuous, the said language be stricken out of his petition.

said that he had no intention to be disrespectful or contemptuous, but he also earnestly contended that the language charged against him and which he admitted naving used was not dis- Co. school fund Dist. 4 ..... 212 77 respectful or contemptuous. In the State school fund Dist. 1 ... 3859 85 last contention, I think he was plainly in error.

The duty of courts in matters of State school fund Dist. 3 .... 433 76 to me. Yet it must sometimes be

done. Therefore, I concur in the conclusion reached and in the order stated Co. school fund Dist. 1 library in the opinion of Justice Talbot, to-

"It is ordered that the offensive netition be stricken from the files, that respondent stand reprimanded and this proceeding.

Fitzgerald, C. J. 0.0

ANNUAL STATEMENT

Of Hammond Indiana.

General office, Chicago, Hills

Liabilities, exclusive of capital and net surplus .. 1,157,641 to Co school fund Dist. 3 ...... 19 85 Income Expenditures Losses ...... 993,964 81 State school fund Dist 4 ......110 00

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8,544 53 8.634 55 A. A. SMITH, Secretary. -

The Sierra Nevada mining company Referring to the rights of courts to received \$2,722.67 from leasers oper-State 7. Prom. 1 Blackf. 166, said: ating on Cedar Hill during the menth

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ty Commissioners, Gentlemen: In compliance with the law. herewith submit my quarterly report showing receipts and disbursements of Ormsby County, during the quarter ending Dec. 30, 1905.

Quarterly Report.

Ormsby County, Nevada. Balance in County Treasury at end of last quarter ..... 39108 77% respondent stand reprimanded and Liquor license .............282 00 warned, and that he pay the costs of Fees of Co. officers .......527 05 Fines in Justice Court .....125 00 Rent of Co. biuliding .....302 50 Slot machine license .....282 00 S. A. apportionment school money ......5424 48 Douglas Co., road work .... 18 09

Keep W. Bowen ......45 60 40213 59% Recapitulation April 1st., 06. Balance cash on

hand .....\$31277 1736

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State school fund Dist. 2 ...216 18 Agi. Assn. fund Spcl. ..... 1929 54 Co. school fund Dist.1 Spcl .7390 20

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\$31177 17% T. H. VA NETTEN County Treasurer.

Disbursements 

Co. school fund Dist. 4 ......122 00 State school fund Dist 1 .... 2611 65 State school fund Dist 2 ..... 210 00

State school fund Dist 3 ..... 120 00 Co. school fund Spcl building

.....6377 50 Total 16936 42 Recapitulation

Cash in Treasury January 1, 1906 Receipts from January 1st to March 31st 1906 ...... 9104 81%

Disbursements from January 1st to March 31st 1906.....16936 42 Balance cash in Co. Treasury

April 1st 1906 .........3127/ 17% H. DIETERICH

County Auditor